

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION



August 24, 2009

Secretary Ian A. Bowles
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Attn: MEPA Office
Rick Bourre, Assistant Director
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Urban Ring Phase 2, EOEEA #12565

Dear Secretary Bowles:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works (EOT) recognizes that EOEEA is continuing to review the large volume of comment letters that you have received regarding the Urban Ring Phase 2 Notice of Project Change (NPC) that was published in the July 8, 2009 Environmental Monitor. We understand that these letters raise complicated issues, especially in the context of the Commonwealth's challenging financial environment. Therefore, on behalf of EOT, I would like to request an extension to the Certificate deadline to September 25, 2009 in order to provide EOEEA with adequate time to fully consider these issues.

We look forward to your Certificate on the NPC, and we will work with you and your staff to address any questions or issues that arise. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Scott Hamwey, Project Manager, at 617-973-7210 or at scott.hamwey@state.ma.us.

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Secretary